

SENATE BILL 680

By Reeves

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 71,
Chapter 5, relative to TennCare.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 71, Chapter 5, Part 1, is amended by
adding the following as a new section:

(a) As used in this section:

(1) "Healthcare provider" means a person who is licensed, certified, or
authorized or permitted by the laws of this state to administer health care in the
ordinary course of business or practice of a profession; and

(2) "Telehealth provider group" means two (2) or more healthcare
providers that share a common employer and provide healthcare services
exclusively via telehealth.

(b) This chapter does not require:

(1) A vendor or healthcare provider who provides healthcare services
exclusively via telehealth to maintain a physical address or site in this state in
order to be eligible to enroll as a vendor or provider for the medical assistance
program; or

(2) A telehealth provider group to have a service address in this state in
order to be eligible to enroll as a vendor or provider group for the medical
assistance program, as long as the healthcare providers that comprise the
telehealth provider group are licensed with the appropriate healthcare licensing

authority in this state or are otherwise authorized by law to provide healthcare services in this state.

SECTION 2. This act takes effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.